

Gravel Technical Team Meeting  
Agenda and Meeting Notes  
October 1, 2008 (10 – 12)  
COE Office, Portland

Attendees: Patty Snow, Jay Charland, Alex Cyril, Rose Wallick, Jim O'Connor, Glen Hess, Judy Linton. Phone: Lori Warner-Dickason, Chuck Wheeler, Robert Elayer, Bill Yocum, Chris Lidstone.

1. Discussion of schedule for Chetco River Evaluation.

- Brief discussion of schedule outlining tasks for development of regional general permit.
- Chris asked if there was an appeal process and suggested if so we should factor that possibility into the schedule.
- Regulatory agencies will review process and potential for appeals.
- COE/DSL will have separate discussion with DEQ/DLCD regarding process (i.e. how and when to request Water Quality Certification and CZM concurrence, overall mechanics of RGP/GP development, etc).

2. Status on preparation of project description and information for biological assessment.

- Freeman Rock and Tidewater Contractors are providing information to COE/DSL regarding project description (excavation methods, project location, etc), purpose and need discussion, alternatives discussion, and concepts for adaptive management. This information will assist in public notice preparation.
- Information to be provided by 15 October.

3. Status of USGS studies – Chetco and Umpqua Rivers.

\* Chetco River:

Study work

- aerial photos: digitization not yet complete
- sediment budget and SIAM model development to begin within next month
- bathymetry 90% complete; expect to complete within next week
- bedload sampling: will be doing dry run in next week

Draft Report: Need to clarify distribution process for draft report. USGS will discuss further with management.

LiDAR: images have been obtained but USGS has not yet received the data set.

\* Umpqua River:

- Phase 1 study areas: North Umpqua goes to Glide, South Umpqua to Tiller Gage, mainstem Umpqua is from mouth to confluence with S. Umpqua

- study is transitioning from evaluating available information to interpretation phase.

- goal is draft report by end of November

- Week of Oct 27: 3 day field work scheduled

4. Discussion of next study rivers (Rogue, Tillamook, and Coquille)

- Brief discussion regarding changing study sequence. Not all Tech Team members had enough information to make decision about such change. Decision on priority for study will need to be made at Executive Team level.

- USGS will prepare cost estimate/brief scope for Phase 1 work on Rogue, Tillamook and Coquille – estimate completion by Jan 09. They will need maps showing mining locations (COE to provide). Preliminarily USGS recommends similar evaluation process as done for the Umpqua River (look at entire system rather than just area of mining; how does mining affect other portions of the system).

5. Other items: mention was made that the Applegate River has been named as an Oregon Solutions project. Copeland and local watershed council are trying to raise money for required studies.

6. Next meeting: November 13, 2008 from 10 to 12; at USGS offices (?)